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McGUIRE MERRY-GO-ROUND—With assorted parts of a carousel scattered around the site of the recent Elks' Carnival, Pvt. Charles Falkevitz, Ward 53, chose himself a ten-gallon hat, a helpless giraffe and wound up for the evening having a merry time.

Swimming Pool Completion Expected About August 5

Coupled with an announcement that the McGuire swimming pool's due-date of completion would be about the week of August 5, Major Walter B. Belitz, Jr., post engineer, revealed today that the various newly-built athletic fields were almost ready for use. Workmen on the swimming pool, located directly across South Avenue from the Post Theater, are currently await-

ing the arrival of pumping and chlorinating equipment before adding the finishing touches.

The baseball diamonds right next door to the pool have already been used for practice games, the major disclosed, and will be ready for official use after a bit of trimming and removal of rocks from the outfield.

In addition, the handball and volleyball courts are listed as complete. The tennis and basketball courts, which have also been used, need only a bit of surface patching before they can be put to full use.

The now-under construction physical therapy building, Maj. Belitz added, is about 50 per cent complete and the contractors are awaiting the medical equipment designed to make the PT building one of the most modern and completely-equipped in the army.

GIs Get Free Ducats to Woody Herman Show

Woody Herman, "The Man Who Plays the Blues," appears at the Mosque with his orchestra next Wednesday, bringing with him several all-star vaudeville acts from Broadway.

Patients and detachment personnel can get free tickets by signing up at the Red Cross information desk.

Civil Service Paycheck Hike To Cover 500 MGH Workers

Five hundred McGuire civilian workers will reap the benefits of the new federal employees pay act in their July 14 checks, Lieutenant Virginia Breed, director of the personnel division, disclosed today.

July 14 checks will cover the July 1-7 work period with pay raises included, she announced, while first full pay period checks with increases

included will be forthcoming July 28.

The new pay act, signed into law last week by President Truman, provides an over-all 15.9% pay boost for all civil service employees from the lowest to the highest pay grades. At McGuire, this means about 500 workers paid on a yearly salary schedule will receive wage boosts, while another 500 McGuire ungraded hourly employees will continue on their present scale.

All phases of the new act will be put into effect at McGuire immediately, according to Lt. Breed, who pointed out that with the law becoming effective on July 1 the first pay period would cover the initial 7 days of the month. There will continue to be a seven-day lag between the end of a pay period and the issuance of pay checks.

MANY CHANGES MADE

Salient features of the new law as they affect McGuire workers are these:

1. All employees receiving between \$720 and \$2,980 annual salary now will get straight time and one-half for any hours worked over 40 hours weekly. Formerly, overtime pay was on a pro-rata basis.
2. Employees must work 40 hours

a week straight time, regardless of whether the workday falls on an overtime day or not. However, any time put in over regular duty hours in any one day is payable by time and one-half.

3. A flat 10 per cent increase over the regular basic rate of straight

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Seventh Hits \$25,130 Lag In 11th Hour

With McGuire \$25,130 short of its \$110,000 quota as the Seventh War Loan closes in on its final 48 hours of life, Lt. Velma R. White appealed today to all civilian employees to come through with a flood of last-minute purchases to make Saturday, final day of the drive, "McGuire's biggest bond buying day yet."

To be counted in the drive, purchases must be made before midnight Saturday.

"While a few individuals," Lt. White reported, "have made large purchases to boost the quota considerably, we will reach our \$110,000 goal only if every person on the post gives the drive his support with cash."

"This week, especially," Lt. White continued, "civilians should come through with enthusiastic purchases. They get a substantial pay raise effective July 1. On the 14th they will receive their first checks bearing the increases. It will be a short pay period, covering July 1 to 7. Bonds will not be deducted from checks for this pay period, so cash purchases today or Saturday are strictly in order. Up to now, civilians have been lagging behind their bond quota. Here's their chance to catch up with at least

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250 Attend Civilian Hop

Terming McGuire's first civilian employees' dance a "huge success," George T. League, president of Civilian Recreation Center No. One, announced today that over 250 tickets were collected at the door for the center's formal Wednesday night in the Virginia Room of the John Marshall.

In addition to McGuire civilians, a host of detachment soldiers and patients as well as civilians from other posts attended the first such affair held by any installation in this area, he said. Music was furnished by Ray Raymond's Orchestra.

First Meeting in Offing Of NCO Recreation Center

First meeting of McGuire's new NCO recreation center will be called within the next few days, First Sergeant Bill Allison, chairman of the constitution committee announced today, while he revealed that more than 125 non-coms have already paid initiation fees and first dues.

Approximately 190 men are eligible, but a good number are off the post on furlough or detached serv-

ice, while others have already pledged to join, he disclosed. Allison described the turnout of applicants as "very successful."

WHAT ABOUT WACS?

The first meeting will be devoted to airing of members' views on controversial issues in drawing up a constitution, to aid in the constitution committee in drafting regulations. Debate is anticipated, among other questions, on status of Wacs in the newborn organization. Proposals will probably include placing Wacs on full membership status, on associate membership which will afford them privileges of the center but no vote on business matters, or exclusion from the group.

To house the center, a building in the new section of enlisted men's barracks will be allotted. Allison is expected to report to members at

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New Booklet Puts Employees 'In Know'

To introduce McGuire to new civilian employees, and to add to veteran employees' information about the hospital, Employee Relations Section, Personnel Division, is preparing a printed booklet to be distributed soon to all civilians.

Edited by George T. League, section

chief, the booklet will carry approximately ten pages of local information and civil service rules to supplement a War Department booklet distributed to all army employees. Mr. League estimated the booklet would be issued in two to three weeks.

He Paints Mass Production

By SGT. BERNARD ASBEL

When Pvt. Ralph J. Hollars picks up with a paint brush, landscapes in oil take shape as on a beltline. In the past three and one-half weeks Hollars, Ward 53 patient, has turned out in his spare time nine striking landscapes and swashbuckling marine paintings.

If that's a wholesale rate for a seasoned brush-wielder, think of what it is for an amateur—a beginner, at that. For "beginner" is the class in which modest Hollars answers to his name.

Proprietor of a photographic eye—and a ready grin with a cigar jutting out from its middle—Hollars really started dabbing six years ago when he was captivated by scenes in North Carolina where he traveled for a commercial finance company. But it was only occasional then.

Came the war, and Hollars found himself bouncing in a GI tank on sundry Pacific islands. Between jolts, Pacific boredom was eased a bit by sketching portraits of his buddies plus a few charcoal of invasion beaches and combat scenes. But still his esthetic efforts were only incidental.

Then one day on Saipan a Jap 75 mm. shell found

a home in the tank which Ralph commanded. It fractured his skull and converted him to a mass-production artist. For in the ensuing period of hospitalization in Honolulu, Ralph one day was smitten with a terrible urge to create and, as if possessed, plunged into a parade of paintings which poured from his brush as daily papers slide in an endless chain from a high-speed press. To this day he hasn't shaken himself from the urge and the end is nowhere in sight.

In 30 days in that Honolulu hospital, Ralph produced 16 scenic canvases and well over 100 charcoal sketches. For evidence that quantity has not marred his quality, sneak down to Reconditioning's art studio and when Ralph's back is turned take a look. Cpl. Frank S. Rowley, a tried-and-true professional artist, who, with Sgt. Edward T. Paier, has tutored Hollars in improved technique and use of color, says unqualifiedly, "Two more years will make Hollars a competent professional artist, a pretty fast rise for anyone. In fact, many of the oils he has already done could easily be sold on the professional market."

Hollars arrived at McGuire March 12, and went

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ONE OF MANY—Pvt. Hollars adds a final touch to a colorful marine design. The painting, says Hollars, combines several scenes he removed from the back of his memory. Few of his paintings are direct representations of any one site.



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Medical Personnel Release Policy Announced by WD

In outlining the personnel release policy, Surgeon General Norman T. Kirk has announced that substantial releases of Army Medical Department personnel will not take place before the latter part of this year.

This is due to the fact that the peak of the Medical Department's activities will not be reduced until this fall, it was said.

In formulating the policy, consideration was given to civilian needs for professional care without weakening military needs. Other factors considered were the length of time necessary for personnel to complete their work in Mediterranean and European theaters and return to the States; replacement of MD personnel in active theaters by those who have had overseas duty; necessity for the maintenance of a high standard of medical care; the heavy load of patients in the US, evacuation of the sick and wounded from Europe in the next month, and continuing medical service in the Pacific.

V.A. OFFICERS INCLUDED

The policy applies with equal effect to army medical officers assigned to Veteran's Administration and other agencies.

All officers whose services are essential to military necessity will not be separated from service.

MAC and Sanitary Corps officers who express desire to stay on duty shall be allowed to do so if vacancies exist, it was said. In the event there are more wishing to stay than vacancies, those with the highest efficiency index will be retained. Those who wish to be released will be selected on basis of Adjusted Service Scores.

PRIORITY OVER 50

Medical and Dental Corps officers above 50 years of age whose specialist qualifications are not needed within the army will receive high preferential priority for release from active duty. Adjusted service ratings will be utilized as a definite guide in determining those who are to be separated.

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been released from active duty will be discharged upon request when release of husband is proven. Female officers with children under 18 years who wish to be released will receive a high preferential priority for selection, and adjusted service scores will govern other cases.

Dietitians and physical therapists whose husbands have been released will be discharged upon request. Since there is a shortage of these officers, it is not contemplated that others will be released.

Since there are insufficient officers to meet the present requirements, it is not contemplated that any officers of the Veterinary Corps will be released from the service.

McGUIRE On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE
Saturday, 5:30-6 p.m. From WRVA
HEAR Cpl. Tommy Moore, guitar wizard, former headliner with Bunny Berigan, Charlie Barnet and Isham Jones.

HEAR Cpl. Eddie Weaver and Bob Panofsky in a catchy organ-piano duo.
HEAR Madeline Wolfe, Cadet Nurse nightingale.

HEAR other star acts in a special radio variety show.
HEAR special music by the McGuire Band.

MONKEYSHINES AT McGUIRE
Friday, 7:30-8 p.m. WRNL
HEAR AND SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

CORPORAL EDDIE WEAVER
Thursday, 2-2:15 p.m. From WRVA
HEAR organ melodies by McGuire's band leader. Featuring interviews with patients.

PWs Held as Laborers
Paris (CNS)—The Army will hold 600,000 PWs to work as laborers, says SHAEF. The French will have charge of them.

Editor's Note

The BANNER is dated Friday this week because of a July 4th holiday at the paper's civilian printer in Richmond.

Publication date of Thursday will be resumed next week.



When an American GI cops the Pulitzer prize for 1944's best cartoons, that's news. Bill Mauldin's now famous characters, Joe and Willie, have long been favorites with readers of STARS AND STRIPES overseas. Now they have come into their own in this country. UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN is a collection of these cartoons, but it is more than that. It is Mauldin both by picture and by the printed word paying his understanding tribute to the infantrymen of this war. As the current choice of Book of the Month Club, it will now have a wide popularity with civilians as well as with the soldier whose army careers Joe and Willie so aptly depict. For more about the author himself we recommend the June 18th issue of Time Magazine which carries Willie's picture on the cover.

Baseball fans will be glad to know that among our new books is THE BROOKLYN DODGERS by Frank Graham.

For the rough exciting adventure of the "good old days" in the U.S. we call attention to BORDER CITY by Hart Stilwell and THAT GIRL FROM MEMPHIS by Wilbur Daniel Steele. BORDER CITY is a hard-hitting story of the conflict between the Mexicans and the whites on the Mexican border. THAT GIRL FROM MEMPHIS is the story of Bird (that gal) and the Kansas kid in the boomdays of Beulah City, a mining town. It's a racy, historical novel.

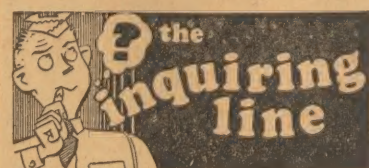
Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC
Sunday Mass8:30, 11 a.m.
Daily Mass5 p.m.
Confessions.....Saturday, 6:30-8 p.m.
And daily before mass.

JEWISH
Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

Some gals will scream at the sight of a mouse and then climb right into a convertible with a wolf.



By LT. ART LAIBLY

Q. Rumor has it that we amputees will only receive \$35.00 per month for the loss of an arm or a leg. Is this all the government will give us?

A. No, for the loss of one limb you will receive a statutory award of \$35.00 per month PLUS \$11.50 for each 10% of disability. Loss of an arm or a leg is considered 40% to 90% disability, depending on how much of the limb is left.

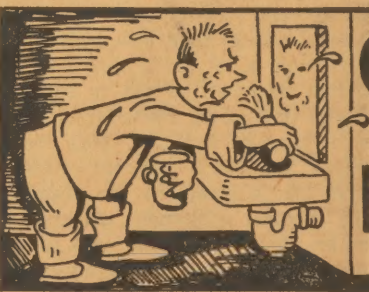
Q. Who determines how much of a disability pension the disabled veteran will receive, after he is discharged?

A. Each case in considered individually by a Veterans Administration Rating Board. These boards consist of a physician, a lawyer, and an occupational specialist.

Q. I have not lost any limbs, or suffered any other disability, however my face and hands are scarred, which will cause me as much of a handicap as the loss of an arm, because I was a salesman before going into the army. Will the government compensate for this in any way?

A. Yes, scars, and other disfigurements may rate a pension, and in your case, you should receive a pension. The Veterans Administration realizes that facial disfigurements are a definite handicap to the man who earns his living by making personal contacts.

GI—"I like to take experienced girls home."
Gal—"But I'm not experienced."
GI—"No, but you're not home either."



First Meeting Of NCO Center

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the meeting on the exact location of the building. Sufficient space will be available for dancing to a juke box or phonograph which will be procured. Beer will be on sale at all times.

\$250 TO START

The center gets under way with a fund of \$250, collected from initial fees of members. Two dollars contributed by each incoming member covered one dollar initiation fee and one dollar for first month's dues. It is expected the constitution committee will propose a permanent monthly dues fee of \$1.50.

On the agenda for the coming meeting also is election of a by-laws committee to propose house rules and added regulations after a constitution is adopted by the membership.

Furnishing of the center will begin shortly after a site is approved. When asked how long preparation of the building would take, Allison declared:

"That's up to the members themselves. Furnishing the club is one detail which will fall on all of us. If the men cooperate, they'll have a club that much faster."

Bars and Stripes TO CAPTAIN

1st Lt. Anthony M. DeAngelis

TO FIRST LIEUTENANT

2nd Lt. Ruth Ponko

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt. Billy H. Batterman

Sgt. Leonard E. Taborelli

TO SERGEANT

Cpl. Bernard L. Asbel

TO TECHNICIAN 5th GRADE

Pfcs. Mike Burdzalowski, George H. Hughes, Shirley A. Munsell, Benjamin Richard, Irving B. Shulman; Pvts. Peggy J. Barber, Margaret L. Bowles, Connie M. Breedon, Lily M. Brezina, Frances G. Brown, Elinor Clark, Ruby A. Cox, Georgia M. Crafford, Natalie M. Drew, Laura E. Felix, Veronica C. Fowler, Dorothy Goldstein, Virginia E. Hall, Thelma E. Hardy, Ethel S. Hilton, Elizabeth W. Hudson, Hannah R. Joyce, Marie L. Joyce, Emily S. Kennedy, Virginia M. Long, Elinor M. Lynch, Sarah B. Marshall, Betty B. Moore, Dorothea M. Moore, Rose E. O'Brien, Mary A. Ordie, Octavia M. R. Parrish, Minnie G. Porter, Gladys H. Robertson, Evelyn B. Royston, Bertha M. Salmon, Dorothy M. Seale, Muriel M. Eaward, Bessie L. Simpson, Margaret E. Smith, Lella E. Stewart, Mabel C. Straw, Imogene L. Tate, Margaret B. Tate, Frances V. Urbanowicz, Marie E. Wallace, Nita L. Zimemerman, Laura L. Zoeller.

Civil Service Pay Hike Covers 500

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time for night work is authorized in all pay grades. Any hours worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. are affected by the boost.

PROMOTIONS FASTER

4. The length of service for within grade promotions is reduced from 18 to 12 months for all employees receiving up to \$3,800 annually.

Workers paid in excess of \$3,800 now must serve only 18 months instead of 30 to receive similar promotions.

5. All employees now may accrue as much as 120 days of annual leave, in contrast with the former limit of 90 days. Twenty-six days of annual leave and 16 days sick leave may be accrued each year.

6. Absence during regularly scheduled overtime periods, such as an overtime day on Saturday, will result in loss of pay. Absence during such days no longer is chargeable to leave, either annual or sick.

7. Employees now will be paid every two weeks, rather than twice

a month, with 26 rather than 24 pay periods authorized.

8. Additional pay for work on holidays is ordered, but only when the President has declared a holiday to be a non-work day. At present, Christmas Day is the only holiday so designated.

NO HOURLY BENEFITS

Lt. Breed emphasized that ungraded hourly employees would not benefit by the act. Neither will on-call fire fighters who work 24 hours and are off 24 hours. These men received a pay increase last February.

The night differential applies only to hours worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. For example, the shifts which now report for duty at 3:30 p.m. will be paid the regular scale for the two and one-half hours until 6 p.m., and will receive the 10% boost for remaining hours worked daily.

Employees paid \$2,980 and up annually do not benefit as greatly by the overtime pay provisions as

those in the lower pay grades. Overtime pay for higher salaried workers operates on a retrogressing scale. As an example, Lt. Breed said an employee receiving \$9,000 annually would get only \$1.51 an hour overtime pay, the same as that earned by an \$1,800 a year worker.

Lt. Breed, selecting \$1,440 as a "typical pay" for McGuire workers, illustrated how the new pay act will work.

"An employee getting \$1,440 annually under the old scale now will receive \$1,704 yearly as base pay," she pointed out. "This figure represents the straight time for 40 hours a week. In addition, such a worker will now receive \$1.22 an hour for over time work, as compared with 75 cents paid at present."

The new law will boost the civilian payroll at McGuire by about \$200,000 annually, Lt. Breed estimated.

It is practically traditional that anyone who walks through the arcade is usually surveyed by the assembled loungers. Smart creations of femininity oft-times get second, third and fourth glances. Even audible expressions of appreciation are offered. But the other day Sgt. Max Schneider got more attention than a Powers model. He was pushing a cart of supplies to the pharmacy. The liquids he hauled almost knocked out a few of the spectator's eyes. On his cart were about twenty bottles of Johnnie Walker's Scotch!

Harry Gallin, the hard working Air Corps liaison man has found a little time to pursue poker and, we might add, he's doing superbly. He has formed a corporation and is sponsoring entertainment, and all this from his company earnings.

Patient: "Do you think I'll have

the use of my hands again, Sir?"

"Certainly."

"Do you think I'll be able to play the piano?" "Surely."

"That's swell, I never could be-

fore."

Jesse Latto must have been talking to Fred Branstetter. Latto, now an old married man (two weeks to be exact), convinced Fred it is the only life. So, with the aid of his sister Constance Branstetter as maid of honor, and Alvin Felmurs as best man, Fred changed the name of attractive Hazel Smith. Major Swank tied the knot with his customary skill, and now Fred is walking in the clouds. Congratulations, we concur.

Lt.—"Where did you get that Black Eye?"

Harnick—"In the war sir"

Lt.—"What war?"

Harnick—"The Boudoir"

McGuire Day at Swift Creek

RECONDITIONING TURNS TO FISHING AND BOATING

By SGT. DICK BRUNER

"C'mon in, sport, the water's fine," is a favorite cry of the patients at McGuire these hot, sultry days as they cavort one day each week at the Swift Creek Recreation Area, located about 23 miles from the hospital in a cool, spot in the woods.

Here, through the courtesy of nearby Camp Lee, approximately 50 McGuire patients participate in various water sports, including boating, fishing and swimming. The weekly patient outing is one of the most popular activities of the hospital's physical reconditioning program.

All recreational facilities are supplied the patients, including bus transportation, swimming trunks, fishing poles, bait, boats, football, baseball, volleyball and softball athletic equipment. Lunch is served by the American Red Cross.

UNIFORM: TRUNKS

Typical day at Swift Creek, as recorded by a BANNER reporter, begins with a rush to the bathhouse where swim trunks are donned as official uniform of the day.

Those who prefer swimming have at their disposal a sandy beach, a large lake and two diving floats. The current eastern seaboard hot-spell has made swimming the most popular activity at recent outings, amputee patients not excepted.

Two excellent swimmers before the war, Pfc. John G. Pribram and Pfc. Spencer Geasey, both of ward 2, lost their right and left legs during the fighting in Germany, but that didn't stop them from beating the heat along with the two-legged swimmers. In fact, they were two of the most enthusiastic swimmers at the lake.

LIFEGUARDS ON HAND

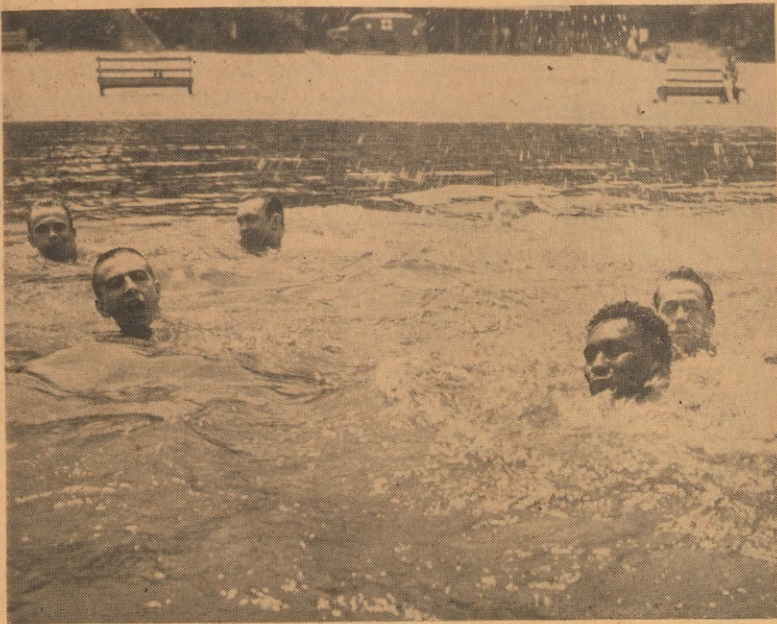
For safety's sake, two lifeguards are always on duty at the lake as are at least two members of the McGuire reconditioning office.

Physical reconditioning officials report that this new project is fast becoming the favorite activity of the hospital reconditioning program with all the boys. "The fellows enjoy Swift Creek even though they realize we're mixing business with pleasure," said one officer. "We can't think of any better way of improving their general physical condition than by boating and fishing."

In addition to swimming, another group of patients can be found at different parts of the lake in small rowboats armed with bamboo fishing poles. And according to two other wounded vets, Pvt. Paul K. Plott, Ward 7, and Pvt. Johnnie Hines, Ward 25-B, "All the fish we caught were pretty small babies, but brother, you can take it from us, this kind of reconditioning is tops."

BASEBALL, TOO

Other patients lean to the national pastime, despite the soaring



WHAT IS SO RARE—In these sultry times, little wonder why Reconditioning's outings at Swift Creek get top vote with patients, judging from the above. If the temperature won't do it on its own, a good sweat is encouraged by ball games—also on the day's athletic menu.

mercury, and it's not an unusual sight to see two baseball nines battling it out energetically on the diamond. Two teams made up of men recuperating from all types of wounds—bullet, shrapnel and amputations.

A few simply recline on the beach and reap the benefits of the sun rays—but they are in the minority. Most of the patients are active the entire day, swimming, boating, fishing, playing baseball and football, thus aiding in all-around building up.

To Pfc. Charles E. Taylor, of Ward 24-E, who served in the European Theater of Operations, "A day at Swift Creek is the best tonic I've ever had."

IT'S A BITE!—From the swish of his bamboo pole and a satisfied grin on his map, it's an easy guess that Pvt. Johnnie Hines, Ward 25B, will in a few seconds be the owner of a flapping fine fish.



He Paints Mass Production

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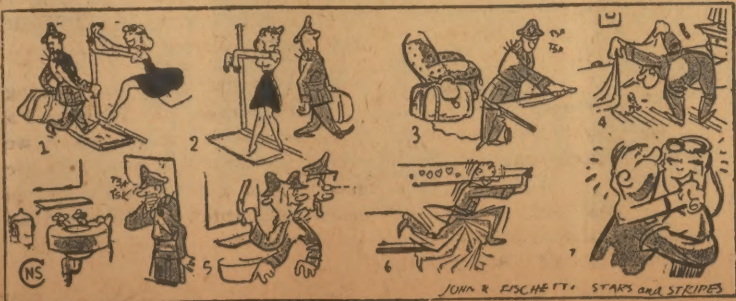
back to his native Asheville, N. C., for a 75-day convalescent furlough. Still unable to shed himself of his obsession, he roamed the foothills of the Great Smokies surrounding Asheville and, cigar-in-mouth, turned up with 14 more colorful works in oil.

A nature-lover from way back, Ralph never really forgets a striking pastoral scene. He needs only to load his palette, prepare his brushes, and his mind recalls a scene from he knows not when. Oddly enough, at McGuire, much of his work has represented ocean slapping against huge Pacific coral reefs, while his work in the Pacific was influenced by scenes typical of North Carolina. At times he combines both locales, so that natives of a Pacific island and of North Carolina would both claim that the work hits them at home.

Ralph is going back to Carolina

now. He expects a medical discharge this week. Quit painting? "Heck, no," he retorts. "Don't know why, but I just can't. I may take back my old job with the finance company after a month's rest, but I'm going to study art for sure. I don't know about ever trying to go professional but as for painting for fun, I just can't quit."

—Buy War Bonds—



Hotel Reservation Bureaus Operate in 44 U. S. Cities

Armed Forces Hotel Reservation Bureaus, one of which is in Richmond, are now operating in 44 large cities throughout the country, with six of them in the Third Service Command and 19 in eastern cities of the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Service Commands, Army Service Forces headquarters in Washington has announced.

Primary concern of the agencies is to provide accommodations for personnel on official business and those enroute or returning from overseas, although arrangements also have been made to handle rooms for military personnel on leave or furlough at a lower priority.

CIVILIANS AIDED ALSO

Colonel Thomas B. Woodburn, Third Service Command Adjutant General, who was in charge of establishing the six bureaus in this Service Command at Baltimore, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Richmond and Norfolk, said the agencies also would assist Army civilian personnel traveling under official orders to obtain hotel rooms.

The service, he explained, would not relax the existing policy of keeping official travel to congested areas to a minimum.

Already, the bureaus in this Service Command have reported aiding hundreds of officers and enlisted men to obtain rooms.

Through the cooperation of the American Hotel Association and its member hotels in the various cities, a substantial percentage of rooms are set aside each day for use by military personnel. The reservation bureaus handle room allocation for personnel under orders, while officers service clubs and USO clubs allot rooms to personnel on leave, pass or furlough.

NOTIFY IN ADVANCE

"Military personnel and civilian employees traveling under competent Army orders who wish to avail

Nurses Get Salute

A tribute to Army nurses will be broadcast Sunday on the CBS "Report to the Nation" program at 6:30 p. m. The program can be heard locally over WRVA.

Sgt. Bruner 1st McGuirite To 'Out' Under Point Plan

First McGuire soldier to make his exit from the army under the War Department's 85-point plan, Staff Sgt. Dick Bruner, associate editor of the BANNER, slung a pair of barracks bags over his shoulder for the last time yesterday and proceeded to Fort Dix separation center.

Proud possessor of 99 points, Bruner, during his 32 months overseas, served for two years with the London and Mediterranean editions of Stars and Stripes before returning to the States last November and subsequently joining the BANNER staff.

While in Africa, Dick became known to hundreds of thousands of GIs in the Dark Continent's battle zones as the "Yank About Town," after creating a snappy, widely-read column by the same name in the Algiers edition of Stars and Stripes. In addition to earthy gossip of the men themselves, Dick took hefty whacks and threw bouquets at shows and show personalities visiting combat areas.

Besides his daily column in the army newspaper, Bruner conducted

a weekly "Yank About Town" broadcast for troops in Africa, Italy and Sicily. The show modeled after his Stars and Stripes column was beamed via the Army Expeditionary Station.

COVERED WITH PYLE

Prior to undertaking the column, Bruner covered the front for GI readers with the beloved Ernie Pyle, since killed in action in the Pacific, as well as with such popular reporters as Hal Boyle, Jack Foisie, Quentin Reynolds and others.

Before moving to Africa, Dick was assigned to the army paper's London edition, for whom he covered the Navy based in Glasgow, Scotland.

The current issue of "News-



'YANK ABOUT TOWN'

papermen," a magazine by and for the newspaper industry, contains an article by Bruner on Ernie Pyle and why the late reporter earned so much affection from fighting men.

On his release from Fort Dix in a few days, Bruner—Mr. Bruner—will go to New York where he will consider an opportunity for employment with the National Broadcasting Company. He is a native of Philadelphia.

"Weekends Can Be Beautiful"

From five to eight patients are invited every week-end to the farm of Mr. Don Becker, 22 miles north of Richmond. Activities each week include swimming, horseback riding and meals outdoors.

Mr. Becker is author of the radio serial, "Life Can Be Beautiful."

Patients interested in taking up the invite should sign up at the Red Cross or call Extension 443.

Parents Seek Friends of Son

The parents of the late Pfc. Cletis A. Atkins, Co. C, 306th Infantry, killed on Sayte December 21, 1944, would like to contact anyone who knew their son in service.

Anyone who knew Atkins is asked to call the Public Relations Office, extension 221.

The Suit's in the Trunk

KOKOMO, IND. (CNS)—The big issue in this divorce suit is not custody of the children but custody of an elephant. Terrell Jacobs says he doesn't mind losing his wife, Marie, but he wants that elephant. So does Marie. Its loss, says Jacobs would leave him with only eight lions, five tiger cubs, four leopards, and four monkeys. Both are circus performers.

PX Is Keeper of the Flame

By Mary Bell

PX PICKIN'S are choice . . . Examples, genuine Ronson and Zippo cigarette lighters—Ronson, \$2.75 and \$3.95; Zippo, 95 cents . . . Superior lighter fluid—Ronsonol, for 15 cents—has instant flame and is long-lasting. Nearby this product you'll see Good Housekeepers non-poisonous matches put up in 10-box packages—all for a mere 10 cents.

IN MOST ATTRACTIVE hand-painted bottles and jars, we find among toilet articles in the PX, Orloff Attar of Petals Cologne (\$1.00); toilet water (\$1.20); talcum (80 cents); flower potpourri (\$1.00), and dusting powder (\$1.90). . . . In case you're buying a gift, the Orloff dainties are already packed for easy mailing. . . . The unusual talcum containers can be cleverly converted into salt and pepper shakers when original use is exhausted.

STERLING SILVER and gold-plated Napier bracelets are among new items in the jewelry line . . . Prices range from \$10.75 to \$12. . . . And there are compacts a-plenty, \$15 and \$15.50 . . . Whether a round or heart-shaped is selected, we'll venture a guess that the owner will use it proudly.

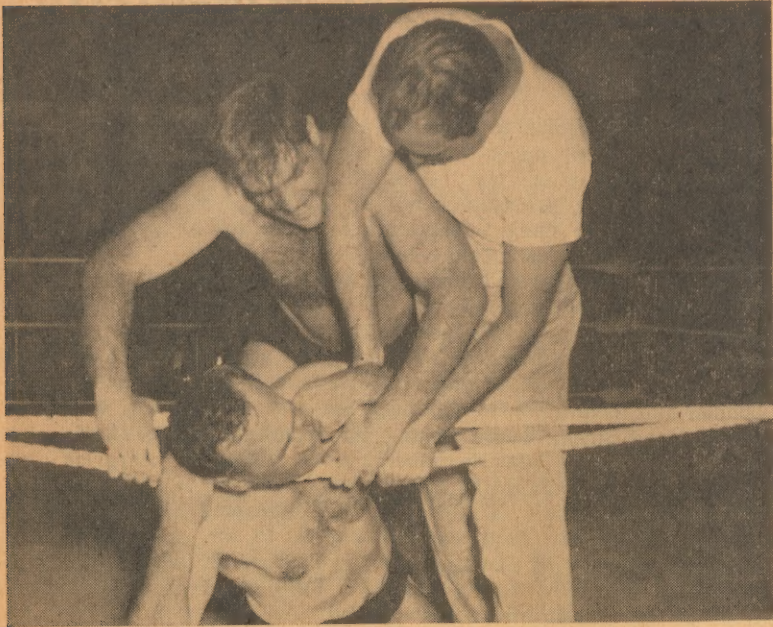
SUPER-SPECIAL: Nurses' waterproof watches are for sale at \$27.50; the waterproof watch for men sells for \$32.50; ladies' dress watches, for \$20 and up; men's dress watches, \$25 and up.

WE WERE THERE when it came through—the long distance call saying another shipment of officers' tropical worsted shirts and slacks is due to arrive this week. Sizes in demand will be included.

IF THERE'S A CHILD involved, the West Craft Super Jeep and other construction toys will merit your attention . . . Directions for building are inclosed with each toy, and the parts come all pre-fabricated, pre-formed, or cut to size . . . Price, \$2.75.

HAPPY THOUGHT! There's more than one way to get the extra supply of salt our systems need: Kemp's Salted Almonds are delicious (60 cents)—and so are the Salted Pecans (48 cents).

LAST-MINUTE SPECIAL: For all who have waited so long, the PX can now furnish 35 mm. film.



PARDON US IF WE LOOK PROPHECIC—To advertise last Saturday's wrestling matches, the BANNER ran on page one, under the headline "In Store for McGuire Fight Fans" a picture of a grunter groaning with his neck delicately tucked between the ropes and an anxious referee attempting to separate parties concerned. Drew Pearson could have done no better. The above photo was caught by Sgt. Bruce Milgrim, photographer, at the actual bouts.

Baltimore Cautions Soldiers To 'Stay on Ball' With Cops

Soldiers in Third Service Command, including overseas veterans, were admonished today by Headquarters in Baltimore to "conduct themselves courteously toward military and civilian police, and to maintain standards of discipline and courtesy to which they have been accustomed."

Brigadier General T. B. Catron,

Service Command Chief of Staff, declaring there had been a few incidents recently "indicative of an attitude of disregard" on the part of officers and enlisted men toward police authorities, reminded Army personnel of posts in the tri-state area that military police were the "direct representatives" of the military authority for the purpose of maintaining discipline and order.

Likewise, he said, civil police are the representatives of "duly constituted authority" to maintain law and order in civil communities.

Write to Current Address--Even If He's Coming Home

Persons corresponding with soldiers overseas should, during the redeployment period, continue to use current addresses until such time as they are advised by the soldier either of a change of address or to withhold mail until a permanent address can be provided, the War Department advised last week.

Military personnel returning to the United States for hospitalization, separation, or furlough before being redeployed will be required to notify their correspondents to withhold mail. This will be done prior to departure. Mail received overseas after the departure of personnel in this category will be forwarded to the home or other non-military address furnished by the soldier, unless he has requested his mail be returned to the sender.

Seventh Loan Hits 11th-Hour Lag

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an \$18.75 bond apiece," she said, pointedly.

McGuire's branch bank is the only place on the post which will sell bonds Saturday. The bank will be open from 10 a.m. to noon only. Extra personnel will be on hand during those hours to handle the anticipated rush of bond applications, Lt. White revealed.

Two of the hospital's newest employees, who just reported for work Tuesday morning, didn't waste time in taking up the cudgels for the Seventh War Loan. Before they started work, Sylvia Coles, ward attendant, and Cora Broadnax, mess attendant, signed up for \$18.75 bond deductions from their pay.

Soldiers Need Licenses to Hunt, Fish

State and county regulations on hunting and fishing were straightened out for McGuire soldiers this week in a letter to Colonel Duggins from M. D. Hart, executive secretary, Virginia Game Commission.

Servicemen stationed in Virginia, Hart disclosed, must have licenses but they are privileged to obtain licenses at the same fees which apply to state residents. They may use

state or county permits, but are reminded that county licenses are valid only in the county issuing them.

Licenses which soldiers may obtain are:

1. County resident license to hunt and fish, one dollar.
2. State resident license to fish only, two dollars.
3. State resident license to hunt and fish, three dollars.

Generals Swing Into Second Half of Softball Schedule



Post Theater

Week of Thursday, July 5. Show for patients at 6:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY—"Within These Walls," with Thomas Mitchell, Mary Anderson.

SATURDAY—"Topper," (reissue) with Cary Grant, Constance Bennett, Roland Young.

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Along Came Jones," Gary Cooper, Loretta Young.

TUESDAY—Double Feature Program—"Boston Blackie's Rendezvous," with Chester Morris and all-star cast; "Blonde Ransom," with Donald Cook, Virginia Grey.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"Ernie Pyle's Story of GI Joe," with Burgess Meredith, Robert Mitchum.

Inactive last week because of an open date and an "incomplete" game, the McGuire Generals move back into Capital City Softball League play tonight with a home game against Bellwood at Fonticello Park, 8:15 p.m.

Although finishing the first half of loop competition in the cellar, the Generals closed the campaign with a flourish when they were edged out by Reynolds Metals, 1-0, despite Bob Conway's one-hit mound performance. If the team starts to hit behind Conway, seasoned observers predicted today the Generals will be a definite threat in the second half.

COACH STARS AGAIN

Conway turned in another brilliant mound stint Thursday night, to hold the Naval Training Station without a hit or run for three and one-third innings he relieved Johnny Atmanchik with two out in the first frame—but the game was marked incomplete. The Generals were ahead, 6-4, at the end of four innings when the umpires halted the contest to permit the start of another game and it will not be counted in league standings.

The Generals made a rousing comeback in the game. Trailing by five runs after the first inning, they counted three each in the second and third to take the lead and, with Conway throwing hitless ball, doubtless would have won had the tilt gone the other half-inning necessary to make it a legal game.

'CHIK RETIRED

Atmanchik, making his first start following an injury, was knocked out of the box in the opening inning when all five Navy runs scored. After that Conway, receiving sparkling support, was in trouble only once and then retired the side without damage.

Bill Allison, already leading the Generals' hitters with a healthy .355 mark, missed a golden opportunity to fatten his average when he lashed out three hits—a single, double and triple—in three trips to the plate. The hits won't count.

The Generals wound up the first half of the season with a slightly anemic .195 team batting average, with only Allison and Charley Wolf among the regulars hitting over .300. Allison collected 11 hits in 31 trips to the plate and Wolf three in 10 excursions for a .300 mark.

After Thursday's date with Bellwood, the Generals meet Friedman-Marks at 8:15 p.m. next Tuesday at Byrd Park.

Lois Vejvoda Wins Top Rank In Girls' First Half Batting

Lois Vejvoda continued to pace well up among the leaders. The team has hit safely 54 times in 226 trips to the plate.

The McGuirettes make their next league start at 8:45 P. M. next Wednesday, July 11, against Ordnance at Byrd Park. In the teams' last meeting, Ordnance edged out a narrow 4-3 victory, scoring a pair of runs each in two big innings to nail the verdict.

Vejvoda, who has led the McGuirette hitters all year, has compiled a lusty .479 batting average as the mid-season point was reached in loop competition. She has hit safely 10 times in 21 official trips to the plate. Barbara Hines was second with an average of .444 on eight bingles in 18 times at bat.

Although the McGuirettes have won only three games while losing four in the Dixie League, the club is hitting at a .235 clip and fielding

Box Score

GENERALS			
	AB.	R.	H.
Diamond, scf	1	0	0
Weinstein, lf	2	0	0
Conway, ss, p	3	1	0
Allison, c	3	2	3
Morris, 3b, ss	2	0	0
Sheehan, rf	2	2	0
Roffman, cf	1	0	0
Schaub, 2b	1	1	0
Schwartz, 1b	1	0	1
Atmanchik, p, 3b	1	0	0
Totals	17	6	4

Batting Averages

Batting averages of the McGuirettes, including game of Wednesday, June 27:

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Vejvoda	21	5	10	.479
B. Hines	18	5	8	.444
Shahinian	5	1	2	.400
Frith	20	3	7	.350
Hardy	6	0	2	.333
Viari	9	0	3	.333
Barmoy	22	8	6	.273
Poore	23	3	5	.217
Redden	14	2	3	.214
C. Hines	5	0	1	.200
Newsome	15	2	3	.200
Hare	16	2	2	.125
Crape	22	3	2	.091
Klindienst	8	0	0	.000
Barlas	8	0	0	.000
Blitva	5	0	0	.000
Garrett	2	0	0	.000
Adams	2	1	0	.000
Totals	226	35	53	.235

Pfc. Kane Snatches First Prize in 'Win-a-Bond' Quiz

With only two answers incorrect out of 50 questions, Pfc. James A. Kane, Ward 17E, romped off yesterday with first prize of a \$10 War Bond in Educational Reconditioning's first of a weekly series of "Win-a-Bond" quiz contests.

Two second prizes, a carton of cigarettes each, went to Cpl. Walter N. Simmers, Ward 20E, and S-Sgt. Elio J. Scarpetti, Ward 17E. To be eligible for second prize, contestants must answer 40 or more questions correctly. Winners are then picked from a hat.

The weekly contest is for bed-patients only. Quiz sheets are distributed each Friday afternoon by Gray Ladies and collected the following Monday afternoon.

'Zoot Suits' OK at Games

Convalescent suits may be worn by patients attending softball games played by the Generals or McGuirettes off the post, according to a recent ruling. Men going to these games must travel to and from the parks, in hospital transportation, which will be provided both ways. Transportation will leave from the Red Cross Auditorium at a time an-

nounced the day of each game. Passes counting against the "two-a-week" plan will not be required.

MILES CITY, MONT. (CNS) — Mrs. Gladys Wilson stepped daintily into the bath tub, and hopped right out again, not so daintily. Her son had put an 18-inch catfish in first.

Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Target of Opportunity

